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Economic development announcement confirmed for Thursday, June 19, in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It has been no secret around Elba lately that city and economic development officials have been working hard to try and bring new industry to the city, and information released this week indicates this work has finally paid off.

Although officials continue to

be quiet about the exact details of what is going on, the Elba Economic Development Corporation announced Thursday, June 19, as the day when questions will be answered.

On Thursday, June 19, at 10 a.m., Elba Mayor James Grimes and Elba Industrial Development Board chairman

Eddie Kelley will make a special economic development announcement, and sources indicate this announcement will introduce the "newest addition to Alabama's growing automotive industry."

The announcement will be delivered from the Elba High School auditorium, and ALL interested citizens are invited and encouraged to be on hand to hear this information firsthand.

Also in attendance will be state and locally elected officials, industrial recruitment representatives, media, community representatives and other distinguished guests.

The Water Works and Electric Board of the City of Elba has received approval for a \$886,500 federal grant to construct a deep water supply well and elevated storage tank for local industrial use. Congressman Terry Everett, R-Rehoboth, announced Monday.

"I'm pleased to announce approval of this major U.S. Department of Commerce EDA grant for the City of Elba," Everett said.

"These funds which are being

matched locally will enable the City of Elba to construct a 500 gallon-per-minute deep water supply well and a new elevated storage tank with a 300,000-gallon capacity to serve new industry," Everett said.

The total value of the water project is \$1,477,490 with the EDA grant covering \$886,500.

Sources indicate this well and storage tank will be located near Kelley Foods in Elba on Lower Curtis Road.

County BOE holds personnel hearing

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During its regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 5, the Coffee County Board of Education conducted a personnel hearing upon an employee's request.

At a previous meeting of the board, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram recommended closing the maintenance department for Zion Chapel and Kinston Schools which would force the termination of employment of Earl Campbell.

Upon Campbell's request, a personnel hearing was last Thursday with both Ingram and Campbell speaking.

Ingram said her recommendation was based on a justifiable decrease in jobs. With the uncertainty of state funding, she said she was forced to develop a plan to not over obligate the school system in which the closure of

the maintenance department at ZC and Kinston was proposed.

Along with this closure, she said she also recommended the non-renewal of contracts for seven probationary support personnel members and 10 tenured teachers.

Ingram supported her recommendation by presenting figures concerning the salary, benefits and vehicle costs saved by closing the department. She also noted the van driven by Campbell has high mileage and would soon need replacing.

Ingram said there was no other available job within the system comparable to the salary Campbell was paid in his maintenance position.

In regards to handling the matters covered by the maintenance department, Ingram said

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox**CARD OF THANKS**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

MESSICK FAMILY

Chicago Cubs star Sammy Sosa broke his bat on a first-inning ground ball last week at Wrigley Field. After the play the home plate umpire examined the bat and ejected Sosa after finding cork had been injected into the bat, a no-no in professional baseball. It was a dumb thing to even have such a banned bat on the field, but those who want to hang Sammy at high noon are also off base. There is no evidence the home run slugger has ever done such a thing before and without any proof, all are innocent. Personally we believe his accident story is the whole truth and don't think less of him at all for this . . . mistake.

Elba's newest set of wild rumors is actually going to become reality on June 19th. A short story is on the front page this week of a pending industrial announcement . . . another part of the ever growing automobile industry in Alabama. The Economic Development Corporation, Industrial Development Board, Chamber of Commerce and of course the City of Elba have come together to make this a reality. Officially making the announcement will be Elba Mayor James Grimes and Industrial Board Chairman Eddie Kelley, but a whole lot of other folks have sweated blood to get the project to this point and have our personal gratitude.

What makes things sound so sweet is the fact that the above announcement is not all that is going on in Elba right now. The flurry of activity by the above groups is paying off in other areas also as other companies looking for a new home come visiting and existing firms look to expand. As the U.S. economy reboots, Elba's positive attitude will go a long way in securing additional jobs for area citizens.

Also hitting the news this week is the \$886,500 federal grant approval, announced by U.S. Representative Terry Everett Monday afternoon, for a new water well and tank. The need for these infrastructure additions was brought on by the needs of the expanding local industry base.

Now, the Alabama legislature has completed the special legislative session and Governor Riley is probably grinning from ear to ear. The lawmakers approved all of his tax increase package, almost exactly as his staff had first presented it. Now the job for Riley and Company is to convince us folks in the branch heads to approve these tax increases when we go to the polls for the special election in early September. Remember, this is an "all or nothing" deal from the governor. He can't convince all, or even the majority, of us by himself. While it is early in the game, most of the lawmakers who approved this record tax increase last week in Montgomery are basically being very slow to step forward and publicly promote the tax package in front of the voters at home.

Due to the fact next year's state budgets depend on how much money is available to spend, lawmakers will not even try to pass the budgets in the few remaining days of regular session they have returned to this week. Both the General Fund and Education budgets will have to wait for a quickly called special session after the September vote before being considered by legislators. . . or even drawn up. The state's new fiscal year begins on October 1 and there are no state provisions for a "continuing operations" resolution as there is on the federal legislative level. Therefore the new budgets won't get the usual weeks of drawn out, back room wheeling and dealing normally associated with such important bills.

The Troy highway is again open for traffic . . . however along about August it will be closed again. All this is part of the ongoing multi-million dollar levee upgrade work. The next time the road is closed it will be actually work on the highway itself. It must be raised for several hundred feet on each side due to the height of the levee being raised several feet in this area.

It is almost impossible to realize it was forty years ago, Wednesday (yesterday), that then Governor George Wallace made national news with his stand in the school house door at the University of Alabama. It is also remarkable that the first two students to integrate the University were followed by thousands more and the world did not come to an end, in spite of the predictions of the KKK types amongst us. The politicians got their free publicity with that issue and the people of Alabama are left to forever carry the burden of that day (and some others) on our shoulders.

Since the war in Iraq is officially over, we have on several occasions considered taking the yellow ribbon off the U.S. flag pin we wear daily. Then suddenly there is another young American killed in an Iraqi or Afghanistan ambush and we resolve to let the ribbon get frayed to rags if necessary to express our personal concerns for our fellow Americans in the danger zones. These are the ones who are actually holding the line for our great freedoms while the majority of us sit here thumping our chests for wearing yellow ribbons.

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Elba gets local connection to Minnesota Twins

by Linda Hodge, Editor

MICHAEL NAKAMURA

pitched in his first regular season major league baseball game and is currently a part of the relief pitching rotation for the Twins.

So, what's his connection to Elba? Well, Michael is married to Misty (Roland) Nakamura, daughter of Jearl and Bertie Roland of Elba. By the way that also makes him my cousin-in-law which explains my interest in the scenario.

I must admit, I've always been an Atlanta Braves fan myself, but I guess I'll have to keep up with the Twins a bit more now that it's a family matter.

Michael's good fortune is something the whole family, as well as, many Elba citizens have been hoping for, and I wish him well now that his dream has become a reality!

Ionaqua Miller

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 2, 2003, investigating the following incidents: one burglar, two of trespassing, two for theft of property, one sexual abuse, one leaving the scene of an accident, one dog bite, two for forgery, one lost check, two for possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, two for domestic violence and one harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, two for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no proof of insurance, four for speeding and one for driving with a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 2 - River stage - 5.48 feet (6:21 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 - River stage - 5.48 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm activated at 2557 Taylor Mill Road (3:09 p.m.); Alarm activated at 1141 Forest Lake Drive (6:21 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 - River stage - 6.08 feet (6:33 a.m.); Alarm activated at 996-203 Bypass (10:21 p.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (10:32 p.m.); Loud music reported at Powell Trailer Court (10:54 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 - River stage - 6.01 feet (6:10 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at intersection of Hwy. 87 and 203 Bypass (2:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at intersection of Hwy. 87 and 203 Bypass (3:00 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 87 and 203 Bypass (3:01 p.m.); Coffee County

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- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday-6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Main Street
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon. thru Fri. - 8-12 noon & 1-4:30 p.m. - Elba Legion & Family Center Complex 894-5823
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTING ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 9 a.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon-Elba Inn Eatery
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at 10 a.m.
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Saturday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Wiregrass Letter Carriers, Branch 1630 would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Wiregrass community for their support during our Annual National Food Drive on May 10 Branch 1630 represents City Letter Carriers of Abbeville, Daleville, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Flora, Geneva, Hartford, Headland, Opelika, Ozark, Samson and Dothan.

Dunn that the highest average in our class was a 100.85, and I am now correcting that statement. The honor of being valedictorian was given to someone whose final average was lower than 100.85.

The reason for all this inaccuracy is because the administration chose to pick the valedictorian or salutatorian at the end of the first semester of our senior year. They knew that this could be incorrect. After all, there were only two tenths of a point between the top five students.

It is during the Christmas season is the largest financial drive for the Salvation Army, but it is not the only time of year that the Salvation Army extends its charity.

The Salvation Army is always ready to help in times of natural disaster, such as the floods of 1990 and '98 in our own Coffee County town of Elba. The Salvation Army also is available to help individuals.

Although this event is hosted by the Letter Carriers, we would not have had the success without all the different crafts within the Postal Service helping.

From clerks to rural carriers and managers everyone pitched in and gave their all. The following agencies are cosponsors of this event: United Way, USPS, Campbell soup, AFL-CIO and UAW/Saturn.

WTVV and WDHN were instrumental in our success as well as all the newspapers who covered our story and the radio stations who ran our Public Service Announcement. A very special thanks to Avon Vandyke for putting us on her show and Charlie Platt who put us on Chef Michael to make a Special Delivery Cheese Cake for our Food Drive.

Cook classes offered during second semester (such as English, Math, etc.) can determine whether some students pass or fail. Oddly, it has nothing to do with ranks which doesn't make much sense to me. If it counts for one thing, it should count for another. An athlete can be placed on academic probation but his or her freshman year in college for grades made during the second semester of the senior year. These are only two of the many problems that can and do arise from this faulty ranking system.

Elba City Schools has many great teachers and I feel I have been blessed to have had many of them, but the administration has been tampering with the entire valedictorian/salutatorian concept for years.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, the word "valedictorian" means the graduate with the highest average. It will never receive my valedictorian stole and medal that I have worked for that I know I have earned. This year's salutatorian also will never receive her salutatorian stole and medal for what she worked thirteen years for. Even the yearbook will reflect the administration's determination to have their way. My final average will not even be placed on the salutatorian page to reveal the truth. It's a disgrace that adults have to falsify truth to reflect their choices. I would hate to see them do this again to someone else.

May God bless our nation and our people. Sincerely,

Richard A. Kemp
Chairman, Flag Committee
Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution - Enterprise, Ala.

To the parents of tomorrow's seniors at Elba High:

I am Carla Roberts and I graduated on May 20, 2003 from Elba High School with the highest average in my class - 101.1719. And yet, I was deemed the salutatorian of my class. It was announced on graduation night by Mr. Johnny

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Jack Assembly of God Vacation Bible School is set for June 16-20

All area children (nursery thru pre-teens) are invited to intergalactic space journeys they will never forget at Jack Assembly of God's VBS June 16-20 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wise Mill Assembly to conduct Vacation Bible School June 15-20

Wise Mill Assembly of God Church will conduct Vacation Bible School June 15-20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night. The theme will be "Treasures of the Nile" and classes will include

The Elba AARP Chapter will meet Tuesday, June 17

The Elba AARP Chapter will meet on Tuesday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center for their regular monthly meeting and covered dish dinner. State representative Terry Spicer will bring an update on issues relating to seniors.

The chapter members learned about the make-up of the Coffee County Commission at their May meeting when Wilson Mobley, Coffee County Administrator, presented the program to 42 members and guests. Bob Hahn was presented a certificate for his community service work last year when he

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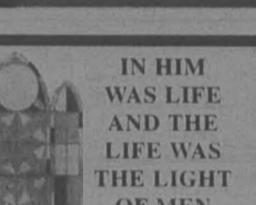
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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Rev. Roy Davis

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Martha Baxter

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

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ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
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THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

Coffee County was one of only a few counties to receive a grant to write the plan.

The town clerk and water clerk offices will be closed June 24-26 since both clerks will be attending a Conference. Although lodging is free for this event, the council approved splitting the travel and food expense with the New Brockton Water Board.

Town clerk Annette Williams said the conference will focus on the proposed watershed and a need for reservoirs in the area.

In other business, the council

Approved a motion to retain the old van used by the senior citizens center. Council member Ron McMcNamee said this van has proven to be valuable to the center as a meal delivery vehicle and a backup vehicle when the bus is gone.

Approved a motion to change the July council meeting from the first Monday in the month to the second Monday

due to the Fourth of July holiday weekend. This change will only affect the month of July.

Cole informed council members that the noise and burning complaint heard at the last council meeting has apparently been resolved. He said Ricky Strickland, who spoke to the council last month, said there has been no problem since that time, and the police department has been patrolling the area.

Cole also informed council members that he and the county engineer had looked at the water drainage problem on Medley Road. He said he asked the engineer to do whatever necessary to help those residents out. However, he said there is no time frame on when the work can be done.

Again, McKinnon expressed a concern for the student's safety by having janitors handle jobs previously taken care of by maintenance personnel, and he asked why not keep the maintenance people instead of the janitors.

He said the schools must be kept sanitary, and the day-to-day requirements of the janitors is to clean the schools. She also said she had no intention of asking a janitor to do something the job is not capable of doing.

Again, McKinnon said his disagreement was solely on a safety basis.

Board chairman Charles Walker asked Ingram if Campbell was interested in contract work, and she said she had

mentioned it to him.

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Campbell said upon notification of his proposed termination, he was advised to take his sick leave to keep from losing his job, but he chose not to because it is against the law in keeping with section 16-1-181 of the Alabama code. He also said he

chose not to because of the amount of work needed to be done to prepare for the opening of school.

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The motion was provided by board vice-chairman Danny Jernigan with a second from member Annette Griswold. All voted in favor except board member McKinnon.

In other business, the board approved the following personnel matters (based on recommendations from Ingram):

Certified

"Accept the retirement of Lori Carter, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary School. She served as countywide preschool and multi-handicapped teacher the past school year.

"Accept the resignation of Marshia Martin, business education teacher at New Brockton High School, effective the end of her contract on June 6, 2003.

"Accept the resignation of Angi Oakes as minor varsity cheerleader sponsor at New Brockton High School.

Support

"Terminate Lula Haynes as a part-time clerical worker at New Brockton High School.

Industrial Development Board

invite you to an

Announcement

concerning the newest addition to

Alabama's growing automotive industry

June 19, 2003 at 10 a.m.

Elba High School Auditorium

371 Tiger Drive

Elba, Alabama

bid. Tindell said there is one more year left on the current contract with Bullard, and all parties agree to the renewal.

Approved a motion to allow

Tindell to send out bids for the annual striping contract. He said

there is one year left on the current contract; however, the company indicated it does not want to continue the service.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook asked Mobley to write a letter concerning the policy for Senior Citizen Centers to find out what the buildings can be used for in regards to other events.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, June 23, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY TODAY

WOMEN'S HEALTH UPDATE

Presented by Asha Voss, M.D.
Board Certified Obstetrics & Gynecology

GETTING CARE

The Centers for Disease Control reports that nearly four million American women give birth yearly and that nearly one third of them will have some kind of pregnancy-related complication. Without adequate prenatal care, these complications are likely to go undetected or not be addressed early enough. If so, this can mean potentially serious consequences for both mother and child. With this in mind, women are encouraged to start prenatal care ideally before they get pregnant. Routine testing will reveal if there are any illnesses or conditions that could affect the pregnancy. If a woman is already being treated for a chronic condition, a consultation with the doctor will help a woman know how it might affect the pregnancy.

Recent advances in childbirth may tend to make us think of it as routine instead of miraculous, precious, and possibly dangerous if not taken seriously.

At OBSTETRICS &

GYNECOLOGY OF

DOTHAN, it is our pleasure

and our duty to ensure that

each woman that entrusts us

with her pregnancy is cared

for with the utmost respect

and difference. I am a fellow

of the American College of

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Board Certified to practice

obstetrics and gynecology.

Located at 104 Medical

Drive, we are currently taking

new patients. Please call

(334) 671-9445 to make an

appointment.

P.S. If you are planning a

pregnancy and you or your

partner has a family history

of significant genetic disorder,

genetic testing may be ad-

visable.

Dates of scheduled activities

are in development and will be

announced as the celebration

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Kinston chooses beauty queens

Nicole Boswell (right), daughter of Keith and Dana Boswell, recently won the title of Junior Miss Kinston. She was awarded highest academic average, interview, stage presence and poise. Madison Weeks (left), daughter of Allen and Christy Weeks, won the title of Little Miss Kinston. She will be going on to represent Kinston Elementary School at the Little Miss Peanut Festival Pageant in Dothan later this year.

Tasha Reeves, daughter of Donna and Mark Ward, recently won the title of Miss Kinston. She is a 2003 graduate of Kinston High School.

*Congrats on a
Job Well Done!*

Elba General Hospital planning health fair for Saturday, June 21

A community health fair, funScreen for SUMMER, is being sponsored by Elba General Hospital on Saturday, June 21 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on the hospital grounds.

There will be activities for all ages including screenings for diabetes (high blood sugar), elevated cholesterol, osteoporosis, vision and hearing problems. Blood pressure checks will also be available. Information will be provided on many topics including oral health, nutrition, health and fitness, home care, animal safety, disaster preparedness, breast and cervical cancer, the ALL Kids health insurance program, and more.

Door prizes, offered by several local merchants, will be given away every half hour during the fair, and refreshments will be served. The administration and staff of Elba General Hospital invite everyone to join them for this event to get summer off to a healthy beginning.

NEW HOPE WATER REPORT FOR 2002 RELEASED

NEW HOPE WATER SYSTEM, INC. • 317 County Road 130 • Jack, AL 36346 • Phone 334-735-2287
We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you everyday. Our constant goal is to provide you with safe, clean drinking water and a variety of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect out water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Water Sources: One groundwater well producing from the Clayton aquifer; and purchased water from Pike County Water Authority (6 groundwater wells producing from the Tuscaloosa and Ripley aquifers)

Water Treatment: Chlorination **Storage Capacity:** One tank with a total capacity of 100,000 gallons **Number of Customers:** Approximately 495

Board Members: Vincent Zigar, President; Mack King, Vice President; Larry Eagerton, Member; Ralph Senn, Member; Lamar Stewart, Member

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

In compliance with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), New Hope Water System, Inc. has developed a Source Water Assessment plan that will assist in protecting our water sources. This plan provides additional information such as potential sources of contamination. It includes a susceptibility analysis, which classifies potential contaminants as high, moderate, or non-susceptible (low) to contaminating the water source. Of the 9 potential contaminants listed in our study area, only one was considered highly susceptible. The rest were rated low, or non-susceptible.

The assessment has been completed, and the plan has been approved by ADEM. This plan is available in our office for review, or you may call our Secretary-Treasurer at 334-735-2287.

At New Hope Water System, we work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. Please help us make this effort worthwhile by protecting our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's futures. You can help by disposing of waste in the proper manner and reporting someone else who might not be doing so. Carefully follow instructions on pesticides and herbicides you use for your lawn and garden, and properly dispose of household chemicals, paints and waste oil.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Vincent Zigar at 334-897-6445 or Charlotte Eagerton at 334-735-2287. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the New Hope Baptist Church fellowship hall.

More information about contaminants to drinking water and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

New Hope Water System, Inc. routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. This report contains results from the most recent monitoring which was performed in accordance with the regulatory schedule and from a Consumer Confidence Report supplied by Pike County Water Authority.

Constituents Monitored

- Inorganic Contaminants
- Lead/Copper
- Microbial Contaminants
- Nitrates
- Radioactive Contaminants
- Synthetic Organic Contaminants (Including herbicides and pesticides)
- Volatile Organic Contaminants
- Disinfection By-products

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive materials, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. MCLs, defined in the table at the end of this report, are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA, a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from certain contaminants. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the U.S. Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

DEFINITIONS

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) - Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (mandatory language) The Maximum Allowed (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The Goal (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

NEW HOPE WATER SYSTEM, INC. 2002 CCR

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL	MCLG
Microbiological Contaminants					
Total Coliform Bacteria	NO	0	Coliform Present or Coliform Absent	0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples
Fecal coliform and E. coli	NO	0	Coliform Present or Coliform Absent	0	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform sample or E. coli positive
Turbidity	Not Required	NTU	n/a	11	total coliform or E. coli positive
Total Organic Carbon	NO	ppm			
Radioactive Contaminants					
Beta/alpha emitters	Not Required	microCi/L		0	4
Alpha emitters	NO	1.2 ± 0.4	PCi/L	0	15
Combined radon	Not Required	ppM		5	
Inorganic Contaminants					
Arsenic	NO	ND	ppb	6	6
Asenic	NO	ND	ppb	50	50
Barium	Not Required	ppM		7	7
Boron	NO	Range ND - 0.07	ppm	2	2
Beryllium	NO	ND	ppb	4	4
Cadmium	NO	ND	ppb	5	5
Chromium	NO	ND	ppb	100	100
Copper	NO	See Footnote*	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3
Cyanide	NO	ND	ppb	200	200
Fluoride	NO	Range ND - 10.0	ppm	4	4
Lead	NO	See Footnote*	ppb	0	AL=15
Mercury (Inorganic)	NO	ND	ppb	2	2
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.04	ppm	10	10
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	NO	Range ND - 0.17	ppm	1	1
Selenium	NO	ND	ppb	50	50
Thallium	NO	ND	ppb	0.5	2
Organic Contaminants					
2,4-D	NO	Range ND - 5.13	ppb	70	70
2,4,5-TP (Silene)	NO	ND	ppb	60	60
Arylendioxy	Not Required	ppb		0	17
Acetone	NO	ND	ppb	2	2
Acetone	NO	ND	ppb	3	3
Benzene/Pyrene	NO	ND	Nanogram	0	200
Carboxylic	NO	ND	ppb	40	40
Chloroform	NO	ND	ppb	0	2
Diethyl	NO	ND	ppb	200	200
Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	NO	ND	ppb	600	400
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TABLE OF DETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
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Copper	NO	0.051	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	NO	0.04	ppm	10	10
PPHM [Total Polychlorinated biphenyls]	NO	10	ppb	0	80
HAAS [Total halogenated acids]	NO	3.72	ppb	0	80
TABLE OF UNDETECTED DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL	MCLG
Bromofom	NO	0.30 (PicCo)	ppb	0	no
Glycol	NO	10.8	ppm	no	200
Iron	NO	0.08	ppm	n/a	0.3
Sulfate	NO	5.8	ppm	n/a	200
Total Dissolved Solids	NO	180 (PicCo)	ppm	n/a	500

*90% percentile<0.05ppm and # of sites above action level (1.3ppm)=0

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As you can see by the table above, our system had no violations. We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local UDC chapter bestows medals during special meeting

Jefferson Davis birthday cake was sweet, but sweater was the moment when the United Daughters of the Confederacy medal recipient wept.

During a special meeting at the Elba Public Library honoring the June 3 birthday of Davis, the General Edmond-Winchester Rucker Chapter of the UDC bestowed medals upon individuals who have made significant contributions in preserving the honor of the Confederacy.

The UDC is the oldest patriotic organization in the country, according to Donna Clark, chapter president. Through historical, benevolent, educational, memorial and patriotic service, the club seeks to honor veterans, their families and others who have made contributions during wartime in addition to presenting an accurate representation of the Confederacy and the War Between the States.

Shirley Edberg, co-president, broke down in surprise and humility when she was awarded the Winnie Davis Medal at the June 8 meeting. The medal is designed to honor members of the UDC for their contributions beyond the required duties, exceeding the realm of history.

"I am overwhelmed. It's a total surprise, but I'm very honored," Edberg said.

The organization awarded Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medals to area historians Judge Marion Brunson and Dr.

Kenneth Chancey for their excellence in history essay writing, public speaking and other achievements relating to the historical aims and purposes of the UDC. The qualifying historical contributions were to relate to the Confederate time period.

The medal is the highest non-lineage — not requiring Confederate ancestry — award given by the UDC.

Brunson, an Elba resident, is a well-known author of local history, having written eight books. His "Pea River Reflections" is a collection of stories of families and historical accounts of Coffee County events. He served on the committee for the Coffee County Heritage Book, contributing to the sections on the history of Elba and Coffee County, according to Clark.

Branson, a widow of a Confederate veteran, has campaigned to help her receive a Confederate Widow's pension. As Martin's legal guardian he has planned for and escorted her across the country to receive her pension.

Edberg has held the office of treasurer since the chapter was formed and she has served as treasurer and president simultaneously. She has served as district director. She has been a leading force in grave marking ceremonies, luncheons and district meetings in addition to planning and assisting in many other projects. She has tirelessly spent her personal time and resources compiling yearbooks, certificates, and programs, making fund-raisers and organizing special events.

Edberg reflected, "I think we have all the reasons why we have the organization—a desire to preserve our heritage and to honor our ancestors, in addition to all veterans. I've worked at furthering the UDC because I just want everyone to feel that way too."

Chancey, scheduled speaker at the event, presented a program on "The Prison Life of Jefferson Davis," based on that 1866 book by John J. Craven, MD.

A reception in honor of Davis' birthday followed—complete with birthday cake.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the UDC should contact Shirley Edberg at 894-6120 or Donna Clark at 897-2042.

Confederate Veterans and the UDC. Edberg's selfless work on behalf of her chapter only add to her qualifications for the award.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie went with me to the grocery store the other day and I let her pick out what the Mularz family would eat for lunch during the coming week. She picked out some chips and dip for snacks, that new age staple frozen chicken fingers and fries, cereal and milk, some microwave spaghetti and lots of frozen foods. My goal is for the food to last at least one week so that I won't get a call at work before noon telling me how hungry everyone is. Maybe the school's could make some extra money by leaving the lunch rooms open during the summer!

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** This is All-Star week for all the baseball and softball leagues in Elba and once again that means that there will be a lot more players that are disappointed than players that are excited. I have always said that it would be fun for everyone involved if they would cut down the scoreboards and just play ball for an hour or two in all the leagues and then let the kids go home. No score would be kept and there would be no winners and no losers, just lots of players that got the chance to have some fun. That is also true for All-Stars, because when the coaches try to pick twelve or thirteen players from a league with forty-five players, there will always be deserving players left off the list. I will admit that competition is good for everyone and no doubt helps the youngsters grow up as they mature and head toward becoming an adult. However, I guess I still live in a dream world where I want everyone to have fun playing ball and everyone to be happy when the season ends.

*** Some of the coaches at Elba High are busy these days working around the school and cutting grass around Tiger Stadium, and it is always good to see that the coaches take pride in the school and really care about how everything looks. The big question at this point is the condition of the field after a rain. Last season the field got soaked early on and never really dried out and after many hours of hard work it is evident that the problem is not a very expensive task. There are some short-term solutions that might help with the drying on the field, but before long the floor of Tiger Stadium will have to be dug up and the drain tiles cleaned and reworked. Until then the coaches will just have to pray for a dry season.

*** A lot of people up at Zion Chapel are still wondering who will take the job as the school's new head football coach when the team hits the field for pre-season drills and then opens its season. Rumors have been rolling around the north end of the county for the past month, and while everyone has an opinion, at this point it looks like no one really knows just what will happen. I do know that Zion Chapel principal Jerry Barnes and the members of the Coffee County Board of Education care greatly about the future of the football program at Zion Chapel, and that they will find just the right man for the job and have him aboard as soon as possible. It is hard to be patient sometimes and I know the parents and students at Zion Chapel waited a coach named weeks ago. However, those people have to believe the wait will be worth it and then need to support whoever gets the job. Remember, it takes a lot more than a coach to make a program a success.

*** Former Elba High basketball coach Curtis Lane resigned last week as the head girls coach at Samson High School, just months after leading the Lady Tigers to a 29-3 record and to the Class 2A Final 4. Coach Lane has been successful at every stop during his coaching career, and with all five starters returning at Samson, many feel like this would be the year the coach would finally get that elusive state championship ring. I know the people down in Samson will find the best available coach to take over the program and that the Lady Tigers will win big next year. No one knows what happens, there can be no doubt Coach Lane pumped life into the program at Samson and set the foundation for what should be a power house for many years to come. Good luck Coach, and good job.

*** Elba Animal Control Officer George Honickak is a native of New Jersey and still takes pride in how the college and pro teams from Jersey do in sports. He doesn't have much to cheer about when Rutgers or Princeton play, but recently has really enjoyed the success of the Nets in the NBA Finals and the Devils in the NHL. If both teams win world titles he might have to trade in his cap and start wearing the Jersey colors, again.

*** In closing...last weekend's rain really caused havoc with the world of sports across the nation. All the pro golf tournaments were delayed by the heavy rains that came out of the Gulf, while locally a day of baseball here in Elba was washed out and over in Dothan a big American Legion tournament was rained out. Oh well, at least the frogs had a good time.

By The Dothan Eagle

Kinston's Wilkerson named "Super 12" in baseball

By Mark Chisum

The Dothan Eagle has released its "Super 12" high school baseball players from the Wiregrass area and included on the honored list in the small school division is Kinston Bulldog standout Matthew Wilkerson.

Wilkerson, a senior, batted .317 with six home-runs and 27 RBI's this season for the Bulldogs, and also excelled on

the mound where he posted a 4-2 record with a 3.00 earned run average and 32 strike-outs.

The complete small school list included Dan Tankersley and Blake Spiller, of Houston Academy; Jason Dawkins, of Wicksburg; Justin Ketchum, of Geneva County; Nick Davis, of G.W. Long; Wesley Wright, of Goshen; Vaughan Hill, of Samson; Daniel Tew, of

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Driver escapes accident without injury



Local agencies continue to make drug arrests

The joint effort between the Elba Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department continues to result in the arrest of narcotics violators and the seizure of the clandestine labs used to manufacture methamphetamine.

According to Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth and Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, officers with the Pike and Coffee County's 12th Judicial Drug Task Force executed a search warrant Wednesday, May 7, at a residence in Elba preparing for new industry announcement.

Excitement continues to build in Elba as citizens await an official announcement from city and economic development board officials concerning a new industry locating here.

On Thursday, June 19 (TODAY), Elba Mayor James Grimes and Elba Industrial Development Board chairman Eddie Kelley will make the announcement that is said to bring an American automotive parts supplier to the city.

The announcement will be made from the Elba High School auditorium at 10 a.m., and sources indicate this unnamed company will build a molding and dye plant on a piece of property located on the Alabama 203 bypass.

The company, said to be a supplier for General Motors and Nissan, will bring approximately 100 jobs to Elba as officials continue to work on bringing other businesses to the area as well.

All interested citizens are asked to be present Thursday morning for this announcement.

The production set for the videos, wrote the scripts and served as host.

"I hope this will be very successful if it can be helpful in introducing children to music and helping them learn more about it," Williams said. "It has been a very natural transition to produce these videos because of the important role music played for me as a child and on into my adult life."

After just one conversation with Williams, anyone can tell that music, education and children's television are and have always been very important to him, and he is currently involved in a new project that links these three things together.

Williams said Smith and his wife, Susan, created a new way to teach music in schools, and this curriculum was innovative in that it is the first to "go all the way" in connecting elementary music education with high school music education.

The curriculum, entitled "Music Expressions" and it is being released through Warner Brothers Publishing, a division of the Warner Brothers Company.

As for Williams' part in this project, he creates the video portion of the curriculum, and said he has been working on the project for two years. During this time, Williams created a set of seven puppet characters for the program, created the setting of

paraphernalia. Jones was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$1,000 bond.

Also on May 7, a traffic stop by deputy Grantham led to the arrest of Kenneth Eugene Jones for unlawful possession of marijuana II and possession of drug paraphernalia. Jones was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$1,000 bond.

On Friday, May 9, a traffic stop by deputy Tindol led to the arrest of two Coffee County residents on drug charges. Tindol stopped the vehicle for a traffic infraction, and upon approach to the vehicle smelled the odor of methamphetamine. The subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the finding of methamphetamine in several small containers and some of the common components used

Please See DRUGS, Page 2

In regards to criminal mischief acts
Sheriff's department seeking help

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department announced this week it is seeking public assistance in solving acts of criminal mischief which occurred recently in the Zion Chapel community.

On three separate occasions, the front plate glass window of the Jack Post Office, located on Alabama Highway 87 North, has been damaged by ball bearings believed to be shot from a slingshot. According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, this first happened on Tuesday, June 10, and the damage was reported again on Friday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 17.

Also on Tuesday, June 10, Moates said a county vehicle parked at the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens building received similar damage to the

\$95,325 grant awarded to help Elba extend sewer system

A \$95,325 grant awarded to the City of Elba by Gov. Bob Riley will aid in the expansion of a local plant and help create jobs.

The grant will enable Elba to extend its sewer system to serve Kelley Foods Inc. which will undergo a \$6.4 million expansion of its existing plant near Alabama Highway 189. The expansion will include both the company's meat and food processing and food distribution divisions and will result in the hiring of 15

employees. The 46-year-old, family-owned business already employs 150 people and has an annual payroll of \$5.5 million.

The decision by Kelley

Foods to expand not only will

create additional jobs at the plant, but will also stimulate

other growth and opportunities for residents in Elba and Coffee County," said Riley. "This undertaking reflects Kelley's confidence in its future and its employees."

Kelley's meat and food processing division produces cured and fresh meats while the food distribution division sells 26 categories of food and food-related items.

The company's market area includes southern portions of

Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle.

John Harrison, director of the

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, notified Mayor James

Grimes that the grant had been approved. Local matching funds of \$22,831 have been pledged to the project.

The grant was awarded from the Community Development Block Grant funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NEWS BRIEF

In a transaction valued at approximately \$590 million, ConAgra, Poultry and the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of Pittsburgh, Texas, recently announced a share purchase giving ownership of ConAgra's chicken division to Pilgrim's Pride.

ConAgra will receive \$100 million in cash, \$225 million of Pilgrim's Pride Class A common stock (based on June 6, 2003 closing stock price of \$6) and approximately \$255 million payable by a subordinated note bearing a coupon rate of 10.5 percent due by 2011.

Reports indicate no essential changes will be made as a result of this sale nor will any jobs be lost. Also, no new training is expected to take place.

The closing date for the deal is currently set for Sept. 30 pending resolution of regulatory and legal approval, and the deal will give Pilgrim's Pride the second largest poultry producer in the nation.



Art Williams, son of Douglas and Glenda Williams of Elba, serves as host of Mr. Art's Music Room. This program is an educational guide with the "Music Expressions" teaching curriculum.

Music is an important way that many people find to express themselves.

As for the overall aspect of this teaching tool, Williams said the kindergarten through fifth grade curriculum focuses mostly on general music education, and the lessons are broken down into segments. Each video segment will feature Williams and his seven character puppet crew as they perform to help the students understand the concept being taught.

The idea is to help students gain a better understanding of music.

"We met some wonderful people from all parts of the world through producing these videos as they shared their music," Williams said.

For example, he said some of the videos share music from Russia, Jamaica, Africa, India and Brazil just to name a few.

"We need to be proactive in offering children exposure to many different ways of expressing themselves," Williams said.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL will sponsor a community health fair Saturday, June 21, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon on the hospital grounds. There will be activities for all ages.

A YOUTH FISHING DAY at the Coffee County Lake will be held in conjunction with the "Celebrate Elba 150" campaign on Saturday, June 21. This event will play host to the youth participants between the hours of 7-11 a.m., with the senior citizens participating between 9-11 a.m. For more information, contact Cliff Givland at (334) 257-1777.

THE TOWN OF ELBA'S BRICK FEST will hold a gospel singing in the town park Saturday, June 21, with a 1 p.m. beginning. The Gandy Gospel Quartet, The Johnson Family, Doves, Indianapolis, Bill Smith and The Singing Hornets. Admission will be free and a love offering will be in effect. For more information, call 657-2776.

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER READING PROGRAM, "Books Above Averages," will begin every Tuesday in June from 6-8 p.m. in the Main Library, 100 S. Main Street.